

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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(Includes Reference to PCT International Applications)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHOD FOR TREATING A LOAD OF STACKED LIGNEOUS MATERIAL ELEMENTS, IN PARTICULAR A LOAD OF WOOD BY HIGH-TEMPERATURE HEAT TREATMENT, the specification of which (check only one item below):

☐ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed as United States Patent

Application No. \_\_\_\_\_

on \_\_\_\_\_

and was amended

on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

☒ was filed as PCT International Application

Number PCT/FR2003/002884

on 2 October 2003

and was amended under PCT Article 19

on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 35 U.S.C. 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or under 35 U.S.C. 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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COUNTRY (if PCT, indicate "PCT")	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119
France	02 13427	28 October 2002	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States application(s), or under 35 U.S.C. 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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Signature of Inventor 1 <u>Jean Laurencot</u>	Signature of Inventor 2
Date <u>23 mars 2005</u>	Date

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Filed: 19 April 2005  
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STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 C.F.R. §1.9(f) and §1.27(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As a below named inventor, I hereby state that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the Patent and Trademark Office regarding the invention described in:

- ☐ the specification filed herewith, with title as listed above.  
☒ International Application No. PCT/FR2003/002884, filed 2 October 2003.  
☐ the application identified above.  
☐ the patent identified above.

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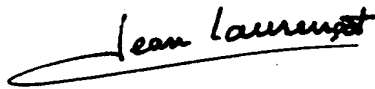
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